

## CATCH KIDNAPPERS AND FREE WOMAN HELD FOR \$20,000

Police Trap One and Armed  
Force Soon Releases  
Mrs. Witherell.

### BATTLE IN CANYON

Wife of Hollywood, Cal., Man  
Collapses After Rescue—  
Prisoners Heavily Guarded.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Heavily guarded by armed officers, and facing sentences of from ten years to life for their crimes, Floyd Carr and Arthur Carr, cousins, confessed at the city jail to-day the details of the \$20,000 kidnapping plot that resulted in the abduction of Mrs. Gladys Witherell of Hollywood, who was rescued early to-day from a lonely cabin in a canyon forty miles up in the mountains.

Following the capture of the kidnappers, plans to rush their trials were made, while the police and Deputy Sheriffs watched intently for signs of violence that would necessitate removing the prisoners to another city for safety.

Mrs. Witherell was in a state of collapse to-day at the home of relatives. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. J. Witherell, also collapsed.

Surrounded by detectives, who listened while Detective Sergeant Eddie King questioned him, Arthur Carr told how he and his cousin planned the abduction and how they at first expected to get \$50,000, but later reduced the amount to \$20,000 when their captive told them neither her husband, O. S. Witherell, nor her father could pay the larger amount.

The climax to the case came early this morning. Arthur Carr was trapped by the police while telephoning to the Witherell home demanding the ransom. Mrs. Alma Bryant, telephone operator, traced the call and Carr was captured at a telephone booth in a drug store. Floyd Carr was seized, after a battle, in the lonely cabin near Corona.

Mrs. Witherell was liberated and the big posse of police, deputy sheriffs and private detectives brought Carr and Mrs. Witherell back to the city. Carr confessed that the kidnapping of Mrs. Witherell was the third in which he and his cousin had been involved. He was captured about midnight as he stepped out of a booth after having telephoned a final demand for \$20,000 ransom to the Witherell home. In connection with Carr's confession, the notes written by himself and his cousin and the pathetic appeals of Mrs. Witherell to her husband and others to save her were made public.

The first note was a brief demand for the payment of the ransom. The second, also brief, was accompanied by one from Mrs. Witherell. The kidnapper wrote:

"Mr. Witherell: We have allowed Gladys the privilege of writing you in hopes that you would make extra ef-

## Woman Is Accused of Defrauding Ponzi

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—When Mrs. Nina Pedroni, alias Mrs. Theresa Mangeroni, presented a deposit certificate for \$14 at the office of Charles Ponzi last summer, she received through an error a check for \$1,400. To-day she was arrested on a charge of larceny from the man who is serving a term in the Plymouth jail for his "50 per cent. in 45 days" scheme that defrauded thousands of investors.

The complainants are the trustees in bankruptcy of the Ponzi estate.

fort to get the money (\$20,000) that is asked by the Old Man and leave it where he says without any danger of being caught, the bills to be in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 denominations and absolutely unmarked. The place will be telephoned to you some time Saturday."

"Lambie Dear: Please hurry and get me home. I am all right so far, but you must not wait so long. I must have you help me. Please do what these people wish. Get all the money you can and if you want me put it where they want it. Cook spinach and rice and carrots for Jack, and make custards, because milk will not be enough. Have you seen the morning paper? It says \$20,000. No, they only want \$20,000. I don't know how you can get it, Lambie. Papa and Edith, please help me, too. I am not worth that much, but I long to get home again. Please don't wait too long. Hurry. Hurry. I hope this reaches you, the time just drags along. Why are you so slow? Lovingly, Gladys."

"There is no use writing any more, but it won't help any, but I want you to know I want to come home, Lambie, please."

Mrs. Witherell's first note, it was stated, was written at 11 o'clock the night of the kidnapping, after she had been taken to the lonely cabin, which was the rendezvous of the Carrs.

The next note sent to the Witherells in the Carrs outlined a plan for the payment. It was as follows:

"Mr. Witherell: After following up the different leads the police haven't found where Gladys is located, so you see it is no use for them. They have nothing to work on, so if you are going to meet the demand go out the valley boulevard until you come to a red light lying on the ground."

"Leave the money in a bundle, well wrapped; turn around and go back to the city; Gladys will be home; that is, if you do so alone and do not try to catch the ones sent for the money, as they cannot give you information where your wife is, and would only make the matter worse. Demand raised at least one-half, which would have to be paid, anyhow. Follow the above instructions and it will be O. K."

Mrs. Witherell apparently added the following to the letter:

"Lambie—Leave home about a quarter past eight; please hurry and get me. I am all right. Lovingly, Gladys."

**MATTHEWS RESIGNS POST.**

Will Be Special Assistant to Attorney-General.

Ben A. Matthews, who has been in charge of the criminal department of the United States Attorney's office in the Federal Building, resigned yesterday as Assistant United States Attorney to assume the duties of special assistant to the Attorney General in the building materials investigation. George Winslow Taylor has been designated as head of the criminal department by Francis G. Caffey, United States Attorney. John E. Joyce has succeeded Mr. Taylor in charge of the criminal calendar.

## LIQUOR RESTRICTION ON DRUGGISTS HERE

Five Cases Allowed at One  
Time Must Come From  
Local Wholesaler.

### BLOW TO BOOTLEGGER

Large Assortment of Wet  
Goods Seized by Agents at  
Woodmansten Inn.

Licensed retail druggists in New York city will be notified this week by Prohibition Director Charles R. O'Connor that they cannot wander afield to other cities in obtaining the maximum of five cases of liquor allowed under a single permit, in accordance with Prohibition Commissioner Kramer's recent order closing up the distilleries and warehouses until further notice. Metropolitan druggists must obtain their liquor from New York city wholesalers only.

Director O'Connor's ruling announced yesterday, also requires that the wholesaler assume responsibility for the delivery of the liquor to the druggist who permit to purchase has been honored. It is hoped this will prevent liquor in transit from finding its way into bootleggers' hands.

The Kramer order, in effect, according to Director O'Connor, means that the only permits that will be authorized in the future, with the exception of those for the withdrawal of industrial alcohol or sacramental wines, will be the druggists' permits.

With the flow of booze from warehouse and distillery in seven Eastern States stopped, with the enforcement of an order that prevents one wholesaler from selling or transporting liquor to another, and finally the strict order that the drug store, the last oasis, must limit purchases to five cases, enforcement of the order expressed the opinion that there would be lightening of their work, or at least that the Kramer order would reduce their activities to a narrower field.

The office of Chief Chapin at 49 West Twenty-seventh street might have been a booze museum yesterday. Baskets full of champagne, absinthe, gin, whiskey, rum, beer, near-beer and assorted wines were held as evidence. The liquor was said to have been seized when Federal Agents Mose Smith, Izzy Elstein and Herman Wittenberg raided the Woodmansten Inn on Williamsburg road, The Bronx, shortly after midnight yesterday. Pascal Elie, a waiter, and Joe L. Jani, the proprietor, charged with violation of the Volstead act, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock yesterday and held in \$1,000 bail each for a hearing.

## U. S. PROSECUTOR GETS DE COPPET GEM CASE

He Will Determine Status of  
Her Seized Jewelry.

Miss Juliette de Coppet, owner of French jewelry worth \$3,000 seized by Customs men on her arrival here Sunday at the Aqueduct, did not appear in the Customs House yesterday.

Her attorney, Harold A. Content, visited Byron R. Newton, Collector of the Port. After the talk with Mr. Content, Mr. Newton announced that all information in his possession would be turned over to Francis G. Caffey, United States Attorney, and that this action closed the case so far as he was concerned.

## HIGH COURT REJECTS JUDGE LINDSEY APPEAL

Dismisses Plea of Privilege in  
Contempt Case.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
DENVER, Jan. 31.—Judge B. Lindsey of Denver must pay a \$500 fine for contempt of court or go to jail. The United States Supreme Court today dismissed his appeal from the decision of the Colorado State Supreme Court, which had sustained the action of District Judge Perry in fining Judge Lindsey \$500 for refusing to testify in the famous Wright murder case.

On June 3, 1915, during the trial of Bertha Wright, charged with the murder of her husband, John A. Wright, Judge Lindsey when called as a witness refused to tell the jury of a conversation with Neal Wright, twelve-year-old son of the accused, on the ground that the communication was privileged.

Neal Wright, just before the trial, had made an affidavit stating that he and his mother fired the shot which killed Wright. On August 3, 1915, Judge Perry adjudged Judge Lindsey guilty of contempt of court and a few days later ordered him to pay a fine of \$500.

## 17 PLACES TO VISIT TO 'STOP MEN WORKING'

Tailor Held for Assault Says  
Union Gave Him List.

Arrested for the second time in a day in connection with assaults on small clothing manufacturers on the East Side Morris Baransky, 27, a tailor, of 981 Union avenue, The Bronx, showed last night to Capt. George Busby, head of the First district detectives, a list of seventeen places to which he was to go, along with ten or a dozen other men, and "prevent the people from working." He said, according to Capt. Busby, the list had been given him by the secretary of his union, Local No. 8 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, at 175 East Broadway.

Baransky was taken to the Clinton street station last night by Detectives Battaglia and Whalen, who found him in the local headquarters, after William Schuman, clothing manufacturer, at 21 Bowery, complained a gang of men had entered his place, "beat him up" and departed. He said he mislaid his gold watch and chain, valued at \$75, after the fracas. Baransky denied knowledge of the theft or the assault, but nevertheless was held on charges of assault and robbery for arraignment to-day in Essex Market court.

## DR. SIMON UNEARTHS OPIUM CACHE IN CITY

More Arrests and Detectives  
Now Seek to Get Partners.

Detectives Mooney and Boylen of Dr. Carleton Simon's narcotic squad arrested Miss Jennie Carbone, 34, of 417 East Fourteenth street yesterday on the charge of having narcotics in her possession. The detectives said they found in the woman's room a quantity of opium, a tin and a half of opium and a carved opium pipe, which is believed to have been at one time the property of Monk Eastman.

Dr. Simon said last night that before Eastman's murder when he was suspected of acquaintance with traffic in drugs, detectives had trailed him to the Fourteenth street address, where it was believed he had a smoking partner.

The narcotic squad reported 286 arrests during January. This establishes a record.

## NEW JERSEY SENATE REJECTS DRY LAW

One Vote Short of Ratifying  
Prohibition Part of Con-  
stitution.

TRENTON, Jan. 31.—In spite of the fact that prohibition is now the law of the land the New Jersey State Senate had a lively fight to-night over the question of ratifying the Eighteenth Amendment, which provided for the dry United States, with Majority Leader Mackay of Bergen leading the pro-ratification forces and Senator Simpson of Hudson leading the wets. The final vote on the ratification resolution was 19 to 8 in favor of it, with 11 necessary to ratify. The Senate wound up its session by voting 18 to 1 to repeal the 3.5 per cent. beer bill passed by the Legislature at the last session.

The question of ratifying the prohibition amendment was called up by Senator Blanchard H. White of Burlington county under a suspension of the rules, moving to take action on the Assembly concurrent resolution of ratification. Senator Simpson immediately objected, declaring that the amendment was already the law and required no further action.

"This body can no more ratify the amendment," he declared, "than it can ratify the whole Constitution." Senator Simpson declared that the amendment was unpopular all over the United States, and cited New York as one of the places where it is being openly violated.

## WIFE, THREE GIRLS MISSING.

Police Here Are Asked to Find  
Young Married Woman.

Police were asked yesterday to search for a young married woman and three girls, all of whom disappeared from their homes on Saturday. At the same time, Mrs. Fannie Hettner, who recently arrived from Bacau, Rumania, asked police aid in locating her thirty-year-old son, Adolph, whom she has not seen in sixteen years. She told how the war disrupted her family—her husband, Samuel, was shot as a spy, one daughter, Clara, was killed by German soldiers in Rumania—and that all she has left is this son, who, she heard, came to America when he was 20, and a married daughter, with whom she is now living in 322 East 116th street.

Joseph Tenner asked the police to find his twenty-year-old wife, Viola, who left their apartment in the Hotel America, 156 West Forty-seventh street. The three girls were described by their parents as Helen Trevala, 17, of 36 Carmine street; Bessie Andreas, 16, of 263 West Fifty-fourth street, and Gertrude Ebert, 17, of 277 West 132d street.

## THIS IS 'INVISIBLE GUEST' DAY.

This is "invisible guest" day in the cafeterias of the Y. W. C. A. throughout the country, the entire proceeds of the luncheon going to the European Relief Council's fund for starving children. In the financial district many railroad directors and financiers, including John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and William Fellowes Morgan, have promised to have lunch in the Ann-Pulton street cafeteria. Uptown, Mrs. Rockefeller, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Willard Straight, among others, will entertain parties at luncheon in the Y. W. C. A. cafeterias.

## KINGS GAS COMPANY FACES DARK CHARGE

Witnesses Say Service Is De-  
pendent on Purchase of  
Company's Stock.

Three witnesses testified yesterday before the Public Service Commission that representatives of the Kings County Lighting Company had demanded that applicants for gas service buy stock in the company before gas connections would be made. Two such charges were in the form of formal complaints against the company, one of which was from a prominent Brooklyn builder, accusing Frank Elsmann, president of the gas company, of a systematic scheme to make builders of dwellings subscribe to stock before gas connections would be made for new houses.

The testimony was given at a hearing upon complaint of Max Schwartz of 4515 Thirteenth avenue, Brooklyn, that a "Mr. Morris, a director of the company," had insisted that he buy \$500 worth of stock when he applied to have his house connected with a gas main of the company.

When the hearing convened a letter from Ralph Elsmann, president of the gas company, was read, stating that the company had received the notice of the hearing too late to be represented, and suggesting that, since the gas had been turned on, the complaint be dismissed.

The commission telephoned to the

company's law department and insisted that the company be represented, and a representative was sent to the hearing, but withdrew when the commission refused an adjournment.

Martin M. Tuzig, president of the Community Welfare Association of Borough Park, told the commission that most of the owners of new houses in his neighborhood were unable to obtain gas service unless they bought a block of stock in the company.

Having heard the testimony of Schwartz and Tuzig, George A. Morrison of 913 Sterling place, a Brooklyn builder who recently has constructed a number of dwellings in Seventy-fifth street, asked the commission to enter a complaint from him. He said he applied for gas for his houses on January 27, 1920, and that, although only removal of pipe plugs and installation of meters was necessary, he had been unable to obtain service. Beginning last June, he said, he communicated with the gas company every week in effort to hurry the matter, but without result.

One evening late in October, he continued, Mr. Elsmann, president of the company, called him by telephone at his home and asked him to call at the gas company offices the following morning, which he did. He said that Mr. Elsmann told him that many builders like himself in the Borough Park section wanted gas connections, and that the company had made a tentative list of such builders and the amounts of stock which the company thought each builder ought to subscribe for. He quoted Mr. Elsmann as making the following proposal:

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